



Suspected Bias Motivation Field

When a criminal investigation reveals sufficient evidence that the offender's actions were motivated, in whole or in part, by bias, the Suspected Bias Motivation field should be utilized.

Bias Categories

MICR collects bias based on race, religion, ethnic/national origin, sexual orientation, and disability. Select option of "Other" when a bias has occurred, but no specific bias option is available. In addition, please contact the MICR unit for the reason you selected "Other" so we may further understand the use of this field.

Example 1: If a female is the victim of an assault and she was not victimized due to her being female, this is not a bias motivated crime. However, if the offender was degrading women during the assault, this may be a bias motivated incident.

Example 2: A female walks into a bar and shoots four men. Through investigation, it was revealed the female has a deep hatred for men and she confesses the murders were based on the fact that the victims were male. This is a bias motivated incident.

Example 3: Two white men, talking amongst themselves, used racial slurs. A black man walking by overhears the conversation and takes offense. The confrontation ends in mutual assault. Unless further investigation shows the two white men victimized the black man based upon his race, Suspected Bias Motivation should not be entered for this incident.